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**A COMMUTER'S GUIDE TO SERVICES
IN THE 355 AND I-270 CORRIDORS**



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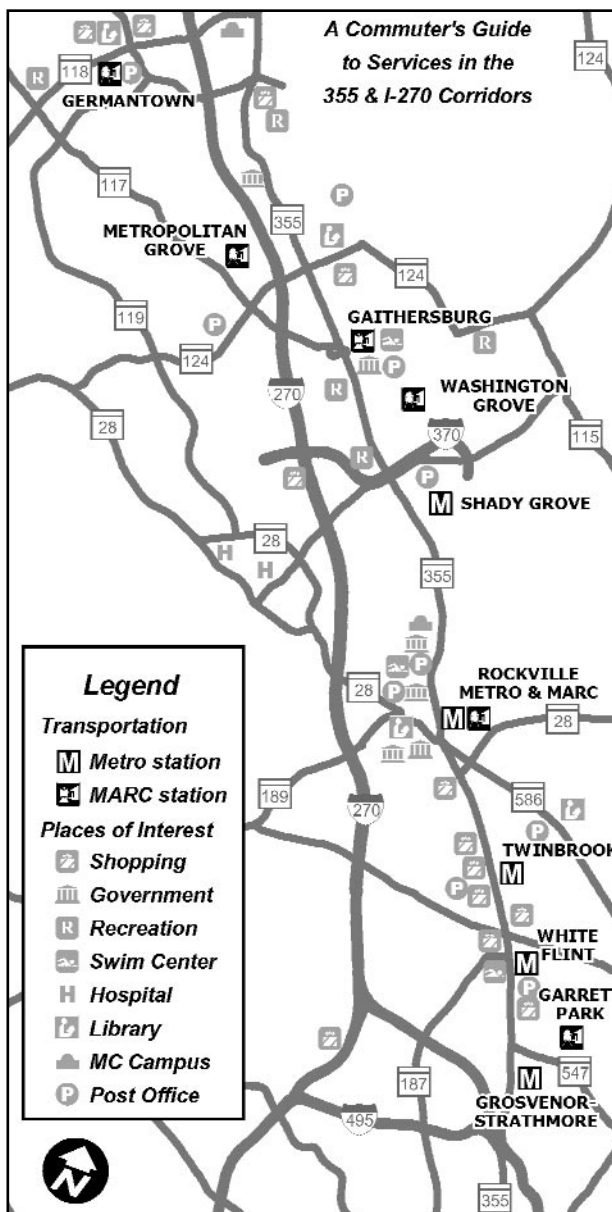
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Information in this brochure is current as of June 2003. For up-to-date service information, check the websites of Ride On or WMATA listed in "Making Public Transportation Connections" or call the telephone numbers listed.

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This Commuter Guide will help you move around the 355/I-270 Corridors —North Bethesda, Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Germantown — in Montgomery County, Maryland. There are a wide variety of facilities and services available in each area. (Many more could not be listed because of limited space).

You don't need a car to get around. Montgomery County offers convenient alternatives to driving alone. Each of the facilities or services listed is accessible by public transit. The County's Ride On bus system, along with Metrobus, Metrorail, and the MARC Commuter Rail, make it easy for you to move around the County. If you live and/or work in the 355/I-270 Corridors, check out the connections listed within each area.

- **Making Public Transportation Connections**
- **North Bethesda**
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- **Gaithersburg**
- **Germantown**
- **Getting There By Public Transportation—
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MAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

North Bethesda, Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Germantown have great transportation connections. The areas are served by Ride On and Metrobus routes, five Metrorail Red Line Stations, and MARC Commuter Rail. The following service providers will help you get to where you want to go.

**Montgomery County Government
Department of Public Works & Transportation
Ride On Bus System
Operated by the Division of Transit Services**

101 Monroe Street,
5th Floor
Rockville 20850

The County's blue and white Ride On buses operate on more than 80 routes throughout the County. Most Ride On bus routes serve one or more of the 13 Metrorail Red Line Stations in the County. To reach the

County's Transit Information Center (TIC) and to learn more about routes, fares, and schedules, call:

(240) 777-RIDE (7433)

(touchtone)

(240) 777-5871 (rotary)

(240) 777-5869

(TTY/TDD)

TIC sells passes and tokens in person.

Metrocheks may also be exchanged.

www.RideOnbus.com

(passes and tokens purchased online by credit card.)

**Montgomery County Department of Public Works & Transportation
Commuter Services Section**

8401 Colesville Road,
Suite 150
Silver Spring 20910

Provides free personalized assistance to help you join a carpool or vanpool or other commute options.

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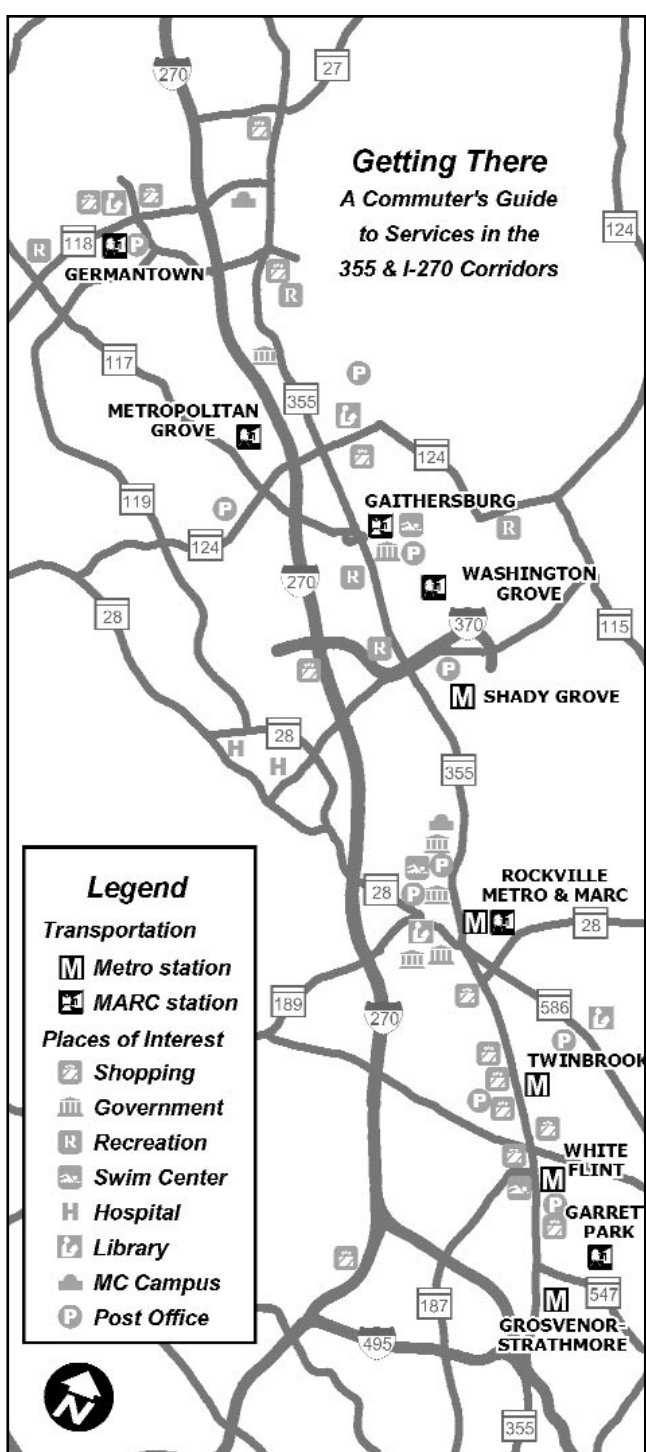
 **Swim Center**

 **Hospital**

 **Library**

 **MC Campus**

 **Post Office**



Commuter Express Store

Sells fare media and SmarTrip cards for public transportation. Works with employers to promote alternative transportation benefits for employees.

(301) 770-POOL (7665)

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute

North Bethesda Transportation Center (NBTC)

Services include carpool matches, transit schedules, bicycle programs, shuttle services, and telework information. NBTC is a “cash key” center where you may purchase or re-load a special key to conveniently pay meter parking fees. Please call for information.

5640 Nicholson Lane,
Suite 224

North Bethesda,
20852

(301) 770-8108

www.nbtc.org

Commuter Connections Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

Provides carpool/vanpool matching and telecommuting information. COG's Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) provides commuters who regularly vanpool, carpool, bike, walk or use public transit to work with a reliable ride home for unexpected emergencies and unscheduled overtime. The emergency ride home, up to four times a year, by taxi, rental car, bus, or train is free. 1-800-745-RIDE
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239
www.commuterconnections.org

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO)

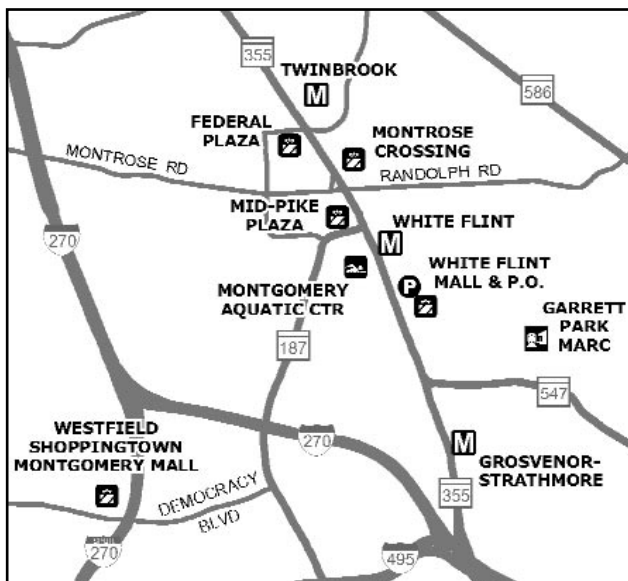
Operates Metrorail and Metrobus transit systems and MetroAccess for disabled riders. Metrobus operates on major arterials in

Montgomery County.
Metrobus routes are
planned to complement
the Metrorail system.
600 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 637-7000 (fares and
schedules)
(202) 638-3780 (TDD)
(202) 962- 5719 (SmarTrip
Cards)
(301) 562-5360
(MetroAccess)
[www.metroopensdoors.
com](http://www.metroopensdoors.com)

MARC Commuter Rail

Operated by the
Maryland Transit
Administration (MTA),
Maryland Department of
Transportation.
20 trains per day serve
11 stations in
Montgomery County.
MARC Stations at
Rockville, Silver Spring,
and Union Station are
co-located with Metrorail
to provide fast and easy
transfers between rail
systems.
MTA Customer
Information Division
6 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore 21202-1614
Fares and Schedules:
1-800-325-RAIL (7245)
www.mtamaryland.com

NORTH BETHESDA



RED LINE METRORAIL STATIONS

Grosvenor-Strathmore

Ride On Bus Routes 6, 37, 46, 96
Metrobus Route J5

White Flint

Free White Flint Shuttle: Two routes
Ride On Bus Routes 5, 26, 38, 46, 81
Metrobus Route C8

Twinbrook

West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 5, 46
East Side of Station—Ride On Routes 10, 26, 44, 45, 93
Metrobus Routes C4, J5

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-  Hospital
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MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Garrett Park Station

Kenilworth and Rokeby Avenues

Ride On Routes 5,6

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery (formerly Montgomery Mall)

7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda (access from I-270)

Ride On Routes 6, 26, 38, 47, 96

Metrobus Routes J1, 2, 3—Bethesda-Silver Spring Line

Metrobus N7—Montgomery Mall-Federal Triangle
Line

Express Line SmartMover 14C & 14D—Lakeforest-
Tysons Express Line

Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

White Flint

11301 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda

White Flint Metrorail Station (two blocks north)

Ride On Routes 5, 26, 38, 46, 81

Metrobus Route C8—White Flint-College Park Line

Free White Flint Shuttle—

Operates Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
with two routes: the White Flint Route and the
Executive Boulevard Route. For information
on the White Flint Shuttle, call (301) 881-POOL

Mid-Pike Plaza

Rockville Pike & Montrose Road, Rockville

Ride On Routes 38, 46

Montrose/ 355 Commuter Lot

Permit and fee required. Permit Information
(301) 770-8108

Montrose Crossing

Rockville Pike & Randolph Road, Rockville

Ride On Routes 38, 46

Federal Plaza—Rockville Pike & Halpine Road,
Rockville
Ride On Route 46

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Montgomery Aquatics Center
5900 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda
Ride On Routes 5, 26

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

White Flint (in the mall)
11301 Rockville Pike
Ride On Routes 5, 26, 38, 46, 81
Metrobus C8—White Flint-College Park Line
Free White Flint Shuttle

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Strathmore Hall Arts Center
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda 20852
(301) 530-0540
www.strathmore.org
Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station
Ride On Routes 6, 37, 46, 96
Metrobus Route J5

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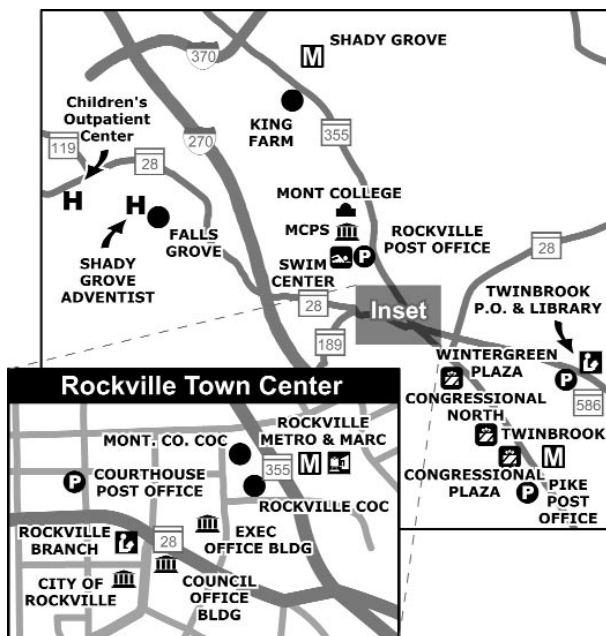
 Library

 MC Campus

 Post Office



ROCKVILLE



RED LINE METRORAIL STATIONS

Twinbrook

West Side of Station—Ride On Routes 5, 46

East Side of Station—Ride On Routes 10, 26, 44, 45, 93

Metrobus Routes C4, J5

Rockville

West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 44, 46, 47, 54, 56, 63, 81

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

East Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 45, 48, 49, 52, 55, 59

Metrobus Route Y7

Shady Grove

West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 46, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 66, 67

Metrobus Route Q2

East Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 43, 58, 60, 62, 64, 65, 71, 72,

73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 90, 124

MTA Bus 991

MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Rockville Station

307 S. Stonestreet off MD 355

(co-located with Rockville Metrorail Station)

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Congressional Plaza & Congressional North

Rockville Pike, Rockville

Twinbrook Metrorail Station

(one block from Congressional Plaza)

Ride On Routes 5, 26, 46

Rockville Towne Center

Downtown Rockville

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

Rockville Towne Center is a short walk from the Station

The following routes serve the Metrorail/MARC

Station: Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

Wintergreen Plaza

Rockville Pike & Edmonston Drive, Rockville

Ride On Bus Routes 46, 81

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Rockville Municipal Swim Center

355 Martins Lane

Ride On Routes 45, 46, and 55 operate on North Washington Street near the Center

HOSPITALS

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

9901 Medical Center Drive
Rockville 20850 (301) 279-6000
www.adventisthealthcare.com
Ride On Routes 43, 56, 66

Children's Regional Outpatient Center of Montgomery County

14801 Physicians Lane
Rockville 20850 (301) 424-1755
Ride On Routes 56, 67

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Department of Public Libraries

Headquarters and Main Library
99 Maryland Avenue, Rockville 20850
(240) 777-0140

www.montgomerylibrary.org

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station.

The Department of Public Libraries is a short walk from the Station: Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

(Ride On Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue)

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Rockville Regional

99 Maryland Avenue, Rockville
(240) 777-0140; (240) 777-0902 (TTY)

This library is located in the same building as the Main Library. (see above)

Twinbrook

202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville
(240) 777-0240; (240) 777-0904 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 26, 45
Metrobus Q2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Montgomery County Government and Judicial Center

101 Monroe Street

Rockville 20850

(240) 777-1000

www.montgomerycountymd.gov

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

The Executive Office Building of the County

Government and the Judicial Center are a short walk from the Station. The following bus routes serve the Metrorail/MARC Station

Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

Montgomery County Council

100 Maryland Avenue

Rockville 20850

(240) 777-7900

www.montgomerycountymd.gov

(click government and then click county council)

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

The County Council Building is a short walk from the Station. The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station: Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

Montgomery County Public Schools Headquarters

850 Hungerford Drive

Rockville 20850

(301) 279-3381

www.mcps.k12.md.us

Ride On Routes 45, 46, 55

Metrobus Route Q2

City of Rockville

111 Maryland Avenue

Rockville 20850

(240) 314-5000

www.ci.rockville.md.us

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

Rockville City Hall is a short walk from the Station.

The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:

Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Main Office

500 N. Washington Street at MD 355

Ride On Routes 45, 46, 55

Metrobus Route Q2

Courthouse

2 W. Montgomery Avenue

Metrobus T2

Rockville Pike

143 Rollins Avenue

Ride On Route 26

Twinbrook

2001 Veirs Mill Road

Metrobus Route Q2

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Rockville Chamber of Commerce

255 Rockville Pike, Suite L10

Rockville 20850

(301) 424-9300

www.rockvillechamber.org

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

The Chamber is a short walk from the Station.

The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:

Ride On Routes 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1609

Rockville 20850

(301) 738-0015

www.montgomerychamber.com

Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station

The Chamber is a short walk from the Station.

The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:

Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81

Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue

Metrobus Routes T2, Q2, Y7

King Farm Community—Frederick Road and Redland Road, Rockville 20850

King Farm Citizens Assembly and the King Farm Civic Association serve the citizens of

King Farm in the City of Rockville

(301) 548-1805

www.kingfarm.org

Nearest Metrorail Station: Shady Grove

Ride On Routes 46, 55, 59 (operate on Route 355)

Ride On Routes 63, 66

(operate within King Farm and on Route 355)

King Farm shuttle bus services operate within King Farm and to the Shady Grove Metrorail Station

FALLSGROVE Community

Route 28, Darnestown Road and Shady Grove Road,
Rockville 20850

Homes, offices, retail companies

www.fallsgrove.com

Transit Center in development.

Ride On Routes currently serving near the Community

Routes 43 & 56 operate on Shady Grove Road

Route 54 operates on Research Blvd., crossing Shady
Grove and Darnestown Roads

Routes 63, 66, 67 operate on Research Blvd.

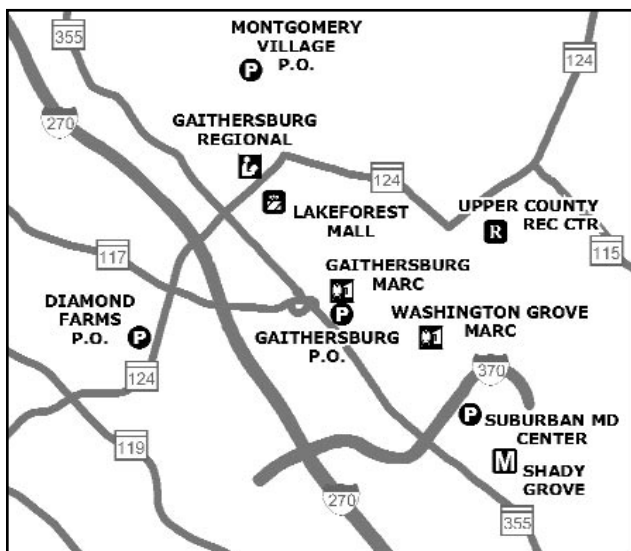
Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

Route 355 and Mannakee Street

Ride On Routes 55, 46

Metrobus Route Q2

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RED LINE METRORAIL STATION

Shady Grove

West Side of Station—Ride On Routes 46, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 66, 67
Metrobus Q2

East Side of Station—Ride On Routes 43, 58, 60, 62, 64, 65, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 90, 124
MTA 991

MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Gaithersburg Old Town Station

5 South Summit Avenue at East Diamond Avenue
Ride On Route 57

Washington Grove Station

Railroad Street & Oakmont Avenue
Ride On Route 62

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Metropolitan Grove Station

Metropolitan Court off Clopper Road (MD117) adjacent to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)
Route On Routes 61, 69

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Lakeforest Mall

701 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg
Lakeforest Transit Center
Ride On Routes 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62
Metrobus Routes J8, J9
SmartMover 14C, 14D
Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

Rio Entertainment Center/Washingtonian Center

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg
(Access from I-270)
Ride On Routes 54, 74

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Gaithersburg Regional

18330 Montgomery Village Avenue,
Gaithersburg 20877
(301) 840-2515; (301) 840-2641 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 55, 56

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Casey Community Center

Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
810 S. Frederick Avenue
Ride On Routes 55, 59, 61

Water Park at Bohrer Park

Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
510 S. Frederick Avenue
Ride On Routes 55, 59, 61

Upper County

8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg
Ride On Route 64

Gaithersburg Aquatic Center

Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg
Ride On Routes 57, 62 are the closest public transit services

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

City of Gaithersburg

31 S. Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg 20877
(301) 258-6300
www.ci.gaithersburg.md.us
Ride On Route 57 (intersects at East Diamond Avenue)

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Main Office

21 S. Summit Avenue
Ride On Route 62

Diamond Farms

23 Firstfield Road
Ride On Route 61

Suburban General Mail Facility

16501 Shady Grove Road
Ride On Route 43

Montgomery Village

10079 Stedwick Road
Ride On Routes 59, 60, 65

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Kentlands Community—Kentlands Blvd. and Great Seneca Highway, Gaithersburg, 20878

Kentlands Citizens Assembly

Kentlands is managed by the Community Management Corporation (CMC)

(301) 948-4290

www.kentlands.com

Ride On Routes 56, 76, 78

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF)

The umbrella organization for 24 home corporations, condominium associations, and multi-family apartments. The MVF administrative office is similar to a town hall.

10120 Apple Ridge Road

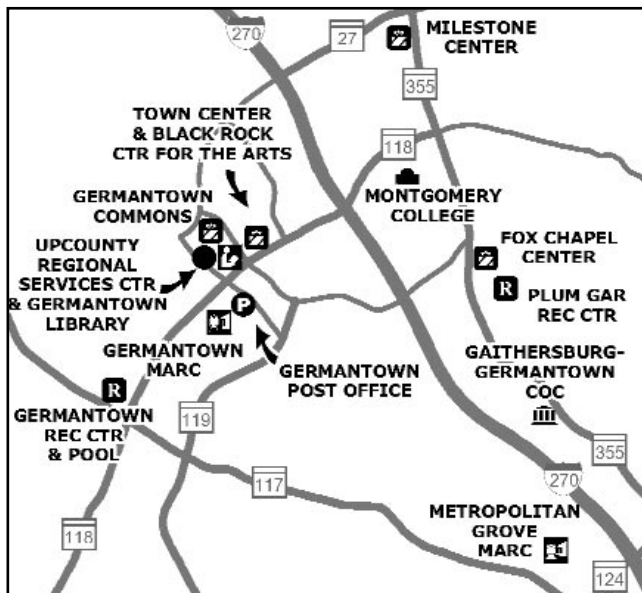
Montgomery Village 20886

(301) 948-0110

www.mvinfo@mvf.org

Ride On Route 64

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MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Germantown Station

19320 Mateny Hill Road, off MD 118

Ride On Routes 68, 69

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Germantown Commons

Middlebrook Road and Route 118

Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

Germantown Town Center

Middlebrook Road and Route 118

Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

Fox Chapel Center

Middlebrook Road and Route 355, Germantown

Ride On Routes 55, 62, 59

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Milestone Center

Frederick Road & Shakespeare Blvd., Germantown,
Ride On Routes 55, 61 (serves Center Sunday only), 62,
70, 73, 75, 90
Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Germantown

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
(240) 777-0110; (240) 777-0901 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 78

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community Centers

Germantown

18905 Kingsview Road
Ride On Route 71

Plum Gar

19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown
Ride On Routes 55, 62, 79

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Montgomery County Government Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown 20875
(240) 777-8000
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 78

U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

Germantown

12774 Wisteria Drive
Ride On Route 72

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Montgomery College, Germantown Campus

20200 Observation Drive

Ride On Routes 55, 61, 62 (No Sunday service)

Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce

4 Professional Drive

Gaithersburg 20879-3426

www.ggchamber.org

Ride On Routes 55, 62 (closest)

Satellite Office located at:

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, 1st Floor

Germantown 20874

Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 78

BlackRock Center for the Arts

Germantown Town Center

12901 Town Commons Drive

(301) 528-2260

Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

GETTING THERE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION— SOME HELPFUL HINTS

Please check the websites of WMATA and Ride On for the most up-to-date fare and transfer information, or call the phone numbers listed in this brochure.

The Montgomery County Ride On bus system operates more than 80 routes throughout the County. Ride On undergoes service changes in January, May and September. Please check the Ride On website www.RideOnbus.com for service changes to your route or call the County's Transit Information Center (240) 777-RIDE (7433); (240) 777-5869 (TTY/TDD)

In the area from North Bethesda to Shady Grove, Ride On buses stop at one or more of the Metrorail and MARC Stations.

Metrobuses operate on major arterials within the County and the routes are planned to complement the Metrorail system. Please check the WMATA website at www.metroopensdoors.com

for any changes to Metrobus service or call for information at (202) 637-7000; (202) 638-3780 (TDD).

To make your public transit trips easier, here are a few simple transfer procedures to follow. The bus operator will be glad to assist you.

Ride On to Ride On: Ask for a free local bus transfer!

A transfer may be used by the person to whom it has been issued on any Ride On route at any bus stop in any direction for two hours after boarding the Ride On bus.

Ride On to Metrobus: Ask for a free local bus trans- fer to Metrobus!

The Metrobus operator will accept local bus transfers from Ride On at transfer points.

Metrobus to Ride On: Metrobus passes are accepted by Ride On

Get a free local bus transfer from the Metrobus operator, which the Ride On bus operator will accept at transfer points. Metrobus passes are accepted by Ride On (including the Regional One Day Pass). When you use a Metrobus Pass and want to transfer to Ride On, just show the bus operator your Pass. There is no additional fare.

The Regional One-Day Pass: Ride all day

This pass is available from the bus operator and is sold on-board. You can ride all day on Ride On, Metrobus (local routes), and all other regular local bus routes operating in the National Capital Region. This Pass offers great convenience when making multiple bus trips.

Ride On to Metrorail

Separate fares must be paid for transferring from bus to rail.

Metrorail to Ride On Transfers: Ride On accepts the Metrorail transfer with a small payment.

The transfer **must** be from your originating Metrorail Station. Just give the rail-to-bus transfer to the bus operator with a small payment.

**Metrocheks are NOT
ACCEPTED** on Ride On or Metrobus. They must be exchanged for Passes or Tickets **before** boarding.

In Maryland, Metrocheks can be exchanged at the Montgomery County Transit Information Center (Rockville), the Commuter Express Store (Silver Spring), or through the Fare Media By Mail Program (101 Monroe St., 5th Floor, Rockville). Exchanges can also be made at the Metrobus Landover Division.

For a list of other exchange sites in D.C. and Virginia, contact the Commuter Services Office at (301) 770-POOL (7665).

Metrorail

The Metrorail system is safe and easy to use for your transit trip. Each passenger needs a farecard to enter and exit. Fares are based on how far you ride. There are large maps in each station that show fares and travel times. Farecard machines are available in every station and some accept credit and debit cards.

Metro's SmarTrip Card is a secure and convenient farecard: permanent and rechargeable. You simply touch the card to the Metrorail station faregates. Fast and easy to use, the SmarTrip card can also pay for parking at Metro-operated facilities. And you can use it for a faster exit from the

parking facility. You must purchase a SmarTrip card at a Fare Media Sales outlet — they are not available for purchase at Metrorail stations. To find out more, contact Metro at (202) 962-2575.

MARC (Maryland Rail Commuter)

MARC has stations in Germantown, Gaithersburg, Rockville and Garret Park. Ride On and Metrobus honor MARC Rail weekly or monthly commutation tickets without payment of additional fare. For schedules and fares, contact MARC at 1-800-325-Rail (7245).